

FEBRUARY 2nd, 2025

## **Congregational Celebration | Sunday, February 2nd, 2025**

First Presbyterian Church comes together this Sunday morning, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, to celebrate our life together in Christ!

We've asked several persons to consider the following question, both in written reflection for our mailed annual report, and in preparation to share in worship this Sunday:

*How have you experienced Christ at work in your life and/or through this church in the last year?*

Take a moment to reflect: How would you yourself answer this question?

(Did you do it?) As Paul writes, 'We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works...' (Ephesians 2.10). The promise is that the Lord is at work in you. That you are God's work in progress.

We believe that one way the Lord shapes us is through the encouragements of one another. Come join us for a shortened worship service (9:30, Sanctuary), then for our potluck breakfast and annual meeting (10:30, Fellowship Hall)!

We will be together in the Sanctuary for worship this Sunday at 9:30am. You can also click this link to live-stream our worship service (or view it afterward): <https://www.youtube.com/live/ibsVW5ZapAU>

**To listen by phone** to the live 9:30am worship service on Sunday via Zoom, call 253-215-8782. You will be asked to enter three codes:

Meeting ID: 84025131691 (then #)

Participant ID: (just press #)

Password: 658627 (then #)

You will also be able to join worship by clicking the link on FPC's web page at [www.fpcmissoula.org](http://www.fpcmissoula.org), or find it on Facebook at 'First Presbyterian Church Missoula.'

## **Congregational Celebration and Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd, Fellowship Hall**

Each year we gather to celebrate God's presence and voice among us in the last year as members from our congregation share their reflections. Plan to join us in worship on February 2nd at 9:30am in the sanctuary for that special time of worship. A digital version of the annual report is available at [www.fpcmissoula.org](http://www.fpcmissoula.org). Following worship, our congregational celebration will continue as we gather in the fellowship hall for FPC's annual meeting. There we will voice our thanks for God's provision, hear Session priorities for the coming year, ask questions, elect spiritual leaders, and approve the pastor's terms of call. This will be a brunch potluck; we invite you to bring a dish to share (think egg or protein dishes, fresh fruit, coffee cakes, etc.).

## **No Children's Church February 2nd**

Our Congregational Celebration is an opportunity to hear about what God has been doing in the lives of several individuals in our community, and so, this Sunday, February 2nd, we invite your children to stay with us in worship to hear the testimonies of how God has been moving in our community this last year! For this reason, there will be no Children's Church this Sunday the 2nd.

## **Hosting Unhoused Neighbors Update**

Thank you to all who have contributed items towards our effort to host unhoused folks during these cold temperatures. We have received the needed items and do not anticipate needing any more supplies to get us through the next week before our hosting period ends on February 7th and another church takes over. We appreciate your generosity! Please reach out to Tracey Cravy ([thecravys@gmail.com](mailto:thecravys@gmail.com)) and Emma Thackston ([emma@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:emma@fpcmissoula.org)) with any questions.

## **No Youth Group February 9th**

Super Bowl Sunday is February 9th! Due to the game, we will not be hosting youth group that evening, and hope that students and leaders have a fabulous time enjoying the game with their families and friends. Youth group will return as usual on Sunday, February 16th.

## **Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, February 11th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall**

*Spread God's Love Everywhere You Go- unknown.* Please attend the Senior Luncheon on February 11th, located in the Fellowship Hall gathering at 11:15am. Please RSVP to Barbara Miller by Sunday Feb. 10th at 406-239-7999.

### **Sending Sunday: February 23, Following Worship, Fellowship Hall**

As families from Family Promise or the Housing Advocate Network “graduate” into homes of their own, each receive appropriately sized housewarming gifts of necessary supplies needed to reestablish home life. In 2024, 44 deliveries were made. **It’s time to RESTOCK THE SHELVES!** Donations of cleaning supplies, basic kitchen items, toiletry and bathroom supplies, and food staples are needed. In addition, donations of Welcome Basket Extra Items (new or gently used) items that are given to families are needed. A list of items is attached to the weekly email and will be posted at collection sites in the office, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall. **We will be collecting items until Sending Sunday, February 23.** On Sending Sunday, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 to sort and organize into baskets for cleaning supplies, kitchen, bathroom and food staples, and extra items.

### **Interested in Joining FPC?**

Did you happen to miss our interested new member meeting last Sunday? That’s ok! If you are interested in what it looks like to become a member of FPC, we can certainly get you that info. Just email Jo at [jo@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org) and she can get you everything you need!

### **Bunko is Back! March 9th, 5-7pm, Fellowship Hall**

Come join us for a rousing game of Bunko! This has traditionally been an amazing night full of fun and laughter and a great game. We will have snacks to enjoy as we play several rounds. Come join us!

### **Rummage Sale is Coming!**

Save the Dates! Rummage sale week is the week of March 30th, 2025.

Set up: March 31

Donation drop off days and volunteer sorting: April 2-3 (hours to follow)

Sale: April 4-5.

If you would like to help, it is never too early to sign up with Jo! [jo@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:jo@fpcmissoula.org). Come one and all!

### **Upcoming Dates for FPC Gatherings:**

#### **January**

- Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am, FPC Sanctuary
- New Members Information Meeting: January 26th, Following Worship, Chancel Room
- Chinese New Year Progressive Dinner: January 31st, 5:30pm, 4536 Edward Avenue

#### **February**

- Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am, FPC Sanctuary
- Congregational Celebration and Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 2nd, 2025
- Senior Luncheon: Tuesday, February 11th, 11:15am, Fellowship Hall
- Sending Sunday: February 23, Following Worship, Fellowship Hall

#### **March**

- Bunko Night: Sunday, March 9th, 5-7pm, Fellowship Hall

### **Announcement Guidelines and Office/Staff Hours**

Announcements for FPC’s Friday News Emails and for Sunday Worship must be sent to [secretary@fpcmissoula.org](mailto:secretary@fpcmissoula.org) by Wednesday.

- FPC Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 3pm, 406-549-5144
- FPC Staff Meeting: Tuesdays, 9:30am-11:15am
- Pastor and Ministry Directors (Dan Cravy, Emma Thackston, and Austin Graef) work Monday - Thursday; unavailable Fridays
- Operation Manager (Becky Kress) works Monday - Thursday; unavailable Fridays
- Secretary (Haleigh Adair) works Tuesday - Friday; unavailable Mondays
- Program Support Administrator (Jo Ruby) typically works Tuesdays & Thursdays

### **Helping Hands**

For questions related to emergency assistance, please contact our Helping Hands Team: Jan Everett ([jeverett53@gmail.com](mailto:jeverett53@gmail.com)), Jane Hogan ([2jhogan@gmail.com](mailto:2jhogan@gmail.com)) or Krista Hellem ([kristahellem@yahoo.com](mailto:kristahellem@yahoo.com)).

#### **Prayer List**

**Ongoing Prayer Support:** Victor Schlimgen, Eva Tsosie and son Chaske, Tom Tucker, Kelley Nicholson, Haleigh Adair, Nick Bailey, Peggy Schalk, Mike & Mary Fussell

**Prayers for Health and Healing:** Annabelle Olds, Jill Gilliam, Sarah Shepard, Betty Winchell

**Condolences:** The family and friends of Ruth Card, The family and friends of Henry (Red) Barringer, The family and friends of Joe McKay (father of Mike McKay)